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## **BLM Lifts Fire Restrictions in Lincoln County**

Roswell, NM – Due to higher humidity in the area, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is lifting the fire restrictions they set in late June to help ensure safety, prevent wildfires and aid in fire-suppression. This fire order covers public lands in all of Lincoln County.

The Fire Prevention Order, dropping previous restrictions, was signed today by Field Office Manager Eddie Bateson and allows the use of petroleum-fueled devices and open fires. Although the fire order has been rescinded, the use of, or possession of fireworks on public lands is, as always, prohibited.

"We are pleased that the fire restrictions helped prevent wildfires during the high fire-danger conditions over the last two months," said Field Manager Eddie Bateson. "It is appropriate that we now lift those restrictions."

BLM is operating in conjunction with other agencies around the state, including State Forestry and the Lincoln National Forest. For more information contact the BLM at 505-627-0272, or check out these websites:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa\_restrictions\_nm.htm -- NM http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa\_restrictions\_closures.htm -- NM & AZ

